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SUBJ: M-47 TANK RETROFIT PROGRAM FOR SPANISH ARMY

REF: A) STATE 72589, APRIL 19 AND, B) DEPARTMENT ARMY
122128Z OF JULY 1973

1. CHRYSLER ESPANA ADVISES FOURTH SHIPMENT FROM BOWEN-MCLAUGHLIN-YORK (BMY) FOR M-47 RETROFIT PROTOTYPE BEING HELD UP IN NEW YORK FOR LACK OF LICENSE FROM OFFICE MUNITIONS CONTROL DESPITE APPROVAL EARLIER SHIPMENTS.

2. OFFICE MUNITIONS CONTROL IS REQUIRING SUBMITTAL FULL REPORT ON PROJECT FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO ISSUING LICENSE WITH IMPLICATION THAT ULTIMATE APPROVAL OF ENTIRE PROJECT AGAIN IN DOUBT.

3. EMBASSY REPEATEDLY HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED RETROFIT PROJECT AS HAS U.S. DEPARTMENT ARMY. DEPARTMENT HAS CONCURRED WITH RESERVATIONS AS INDICATED REFERENCE (A). ACCORDING CHRYSLER, STATE AND COMMERCE CONCURRED ALSO IN REFERENCE (B).

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4. APPARENTLY PROBLEM HAS ARISEN FROM FACT EXPORT

LICENSES GRANTED TO BMY WHICH WAS ACTUAL EXPORTER IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL REQUEST BY CHRYSLER, ACTION WHICH CHRYSLER MISTAKENLY TOOK AS INDICATION NECESSARY APPLICATIONS WITH SUPPORTING INFORMATION HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. CHRYSLER NOW FILING ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION BUT GEOGRAPHY ALONE FORCES POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL WEEK'S DELAY IN PAPERS REACHING OFFICE MUNITIONS CONTROL.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE EXPORT LICENSES FOR SHIPMENT BEING HELD IN NEW YORK WHILE FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING MET BY CHRYSLER, IN ORDER THAT CHRYSLER CAN MAINTAIN SCHEDULE WHICH CALLS FOR TESTING PROTOTYPE LATE NOVEMBER.

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